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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

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IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 30th July 1962

SUBJECT:—*Import policy for Newsprint (White printing paper excluding laid marked paper which contains mechanical wood pulp amounting to not less than 70 per cent of the fibre contents)—S. No. 44/V for the year April 1962—March 1963.*

No. 92-ITC(PN)/62.—Attention of the actual users of Newsprint is invited to the import policy for Newsprint, given against S. No. 44/V in Section II of the current Red Book and amended *vide* Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry Public Notices No. 39-ITC(PN)/62, dated 17th April 1962, No. 64-ITC(PN)/62, dated 8th June 1962 and No. 66-ITC(PN)/62, dated 11th June 1962.

2. The position has been further reviewed and it has been decided that in supersession of all the previous Public Notices aforesaid, the revised import policy as shown in the Annexure to this Public Notice shall be applicable with immediate effect to the import of Newsprint for April 1962—March 1963.

K. T. SATARAWALA,
Chief Controller of Imports and Exports.

ANNEXURE TO PUBLIC NOTICE No. 92-ITC(PN)/62, DATED 30-7-1962

Sl. No. & Part of the ITC Schedule	Description	Licensing authority	Policy for established importers	Validity of Licences	Remarks
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44/V	White printing paper (excluding laid marked paper which contains mechanical wood pulp amounting to not less than 70% of the fibre contents)	C.C.I.	Nil	Twelve months	<p>(1) A.U.</p> <p>(2) A.U. licences will be issued to publishers/or printers of newspapers and of periodicals only for meeting part of their eligibility of newsprint and the balance from canalised imports and NEPA Mills.</p> <p>(3) The eligibility for newsprint for each publication will be determined in consultation with the Registrar of Newspapers for India, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, on the basis of page area, average number of pages published during 1957 or the average number of pages published during 1961, whichever is less regularity of publication and the permitted average circulation during the calendar year 1961. On the basis of the total eligible quota thus calculated for the licensing period April 1962—March 1963, a cut of 5% will be imposed in the case of those actual users of newsprint whose eligibility during the period of one year is 100 tonnes and above, but less than 1,000 tonnes and a cut of 7-1/2% will be imposed on those actual users of newsprint whose eligibility is 1,000 tonnes and above allowing for marginal adjustments. After the imposition of the cut on the total eligible quota, the remaining quantity will be made available to the extent of 25% from indigenous newsprint manufactured by Nepa Mills and the balance of 75% will be met from imported newsprint. Neither the 5/7-1/2% cut nor the supply of Nepa newsprint will apply to actual users of newsprint whose eligibility during the period (one year) is less than 100 tonnes. The requirements of these actual users will be met entirely from imported newsprint. Separate applications for allocation of Nepa newsprint may be addressed to the Registrar of Newspapers for India.</p>

N.B.—Publications include dailies, weeklies, fortnightlies, monthlies and other periodicals using newsprint.

(4) Those actual users whose eligibility during the period (one year) would be 100 tonnes and above, will be licensed to the extent of 75% from free resources and the balance of 25% from canalised

imports against contracts entered into by the S.T.C. with various suppliers. The newsprints licensed from free resources will be given against contracts entered into by the S.T.C. with suppliers in Scandinavian countries, Canada and USA. The actual users whose eligible quota would be less than 100 tonnes will be licensed newsprint in full from free resources against the contracts entered into by the S.T.C. with suppliers. Licences thus issued would be subject to the same conditions which are applicable to annual licences *vide* para 15 of Section I of the Red Book.

- (5) From April 1962 onwards, it would not be possible to meet the demands of the actual users of newsprint for additional newsprint on account of the increase in their circulation. Within the authorised quota of newsprint for each publication for the licensing period, the actual users are permitted to adjust either their pages or the circulation to meet their individual requirements for each publication.
- (6) Some newspapers have already been allowed allotments for authorised increase as well as for increase during the election months during the licensing period April 1961—March 1962. This allotment should be regularised by making a regular application supported by Chartered Accountant's Certificate showing the actual increase in circulation during the year as well as during election months (December 1961 to February 1962). On the basis of eligibility thus worked out, the allotment should be adjusted from their regular quota or additional quantity authorised. If any newspaper fails to make this application, the quantity allowed for increase in circulation would be adjusted from the regular eligibility for April 1962—March 1963.
- (7) Requests from newspaper establishments for the allotment of newsprint to replenish their six months' reserve stock already authorised, to bring it on the level of 1961 circulation, would be considered.
- (8) The A.U.s mentioned in Remark 2 above, should submit their application to the CCI&E by 15th May 1962 and furnish the following information/documents with their applications:—
 - (i) Title of the paper/periodical and the date from which it is regularly published;
 - (ii) Area of the page of paper/periodical (in sq. inches) for which newsprint is applied for;

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(iii) Average number of pages for regular issue including number of pages issued as supplements during 1957 and 1961;

(iv) Periodicity of issue and language of the publication and whether the paper has been in regular publication from 1st January 1961 to 31st December 1961, indicating the actual number of days of publication;

(v) Average circulation per publishing day during the year 1961 indicating the paid (including complementary, vouchers, exchange, bonus, sample and office copies only) circulation separately. Copies representing unsold returns and other copies which might have been printed but not actually sold or distributed in any other way should not be included in the circulation statement but given separately. The number of copies distributed free, unsold returns or any other copies printed but neither sold nor distributed free would be taken into consideration for the purpose of allotment of newsprint provided it represents a reasonable percentage of the print order. The average circulation figures should be duly certified by the Chartered Accountant. As a measure of relief to small newspapers, it has been decided that for those whose circulation is 2,000 copies or less per publishing day, it would not be necessary to produce the Chartered Accountant's Certificate in respect of their claim for circulation for 1961. Such newspaper should furnish an affidavit on stamp paper stating their average circulation for the year 1961;

(vi) Sample copy of an issue bearing the date of 1st April, 1962 or the nearest to it;

(vii) Indicate whether the newspapers is registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India and if so, the registration number allotted to the publication;

(viii) The total quantity (imported and indigenous separately) consumed during April 1961—March 1962 and the quantities allotted. In case an applicant has consumed more newsprint than what had been allotted for the

period mentioned above, please indicate the source(s) from where the additional quantities were procured;

- (ix) Stock in hand of imported and Nepa Newsprint on 1st April 1962 and quantities ordered against licences and authorisations on Nepa Mills in hand;
 - (x) Details whether the newspaper/periodical is printed on (a) Rotary or flat bed press or any other type of printing machinery; and (b) whether the newsprint used is in reels or sheets, glazed or unglazed and the size of the reel or the sheet.
- (9) Regarding the allotment of newsprint to new publications, it would not be possible, on account of foreign exchange stringency, to allot any quantity of newsprint to new publications. Allotment of newsprint will, however, be made in the case of new publications for not more than 10,000 copies per publishing day and no additional newsprint for any increase in circulation will be allowed for one year from the date of their commencement.
- (10) Small newspapers whose entitlement for newsprint is less than 40 tonnes per annum will be exempted from payment of licence fee and Income-tax Verification Number.
- (11) Established Importers and also the Co-operative bodies (1) The Newsprint Trading Distributing Corporation Ltd., Bombay (2) The South Zone Paper Distributors Ltd., Madras (3) The Paper and Newsprint Distribution Corporation Ltd., Delhi and (4) Corporated Paper Traders Ltd., Calcutta will be free to collect A.U. licences and effect imports on account of the licencees, imports against the licences so collected being allowed after obtaining Letter of Authority from the licensing authority concerned.
- (12) The weight of white printing paper (excluding laid marked paper) which contains mechanical wood pulp amounting to not less than 70% of the fibre contents) falling under S. No. 44/V should not be less than 50 grammes per sq. metre.
- (13) A.U. applications for import of glazed newsprint for publishing of text books from publishers and or printers of text books approved/sanctioned/recommended for schools, colleges will be considered on the basis of a certificate in the form given in Appendix 65(c)

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					<p>from the State Director of Education/Registrar of the University certifying the essentiality of their requirements for glazed and/or standard newsprint. The applicants should also furnish a declaration that they have not obtained any licences for import of glazed newsprint under Export Promotion Scheme during any of the two preceding periods. In case they have obtained such licences during the specified period, the details thereof including the quantities licensed should be furnished along with the applications.</p> <p>(14) A.U. applications from publishers of books other than text books will be considered for import of standard newsprint only (12 grammage per sq. metre only). Requests should be supported by certificate from Chartered Accountant showing past consumption of imported and indigenous newsprint during 1960 or 1961. Chartered Accountant's Certificate should be furnished in the prescribed form given in Appendix 65(B). Applications should be accompanied by the lists of books published in the past year and proposed to be published in 1962. The applicants should also furnish a declaration that they have not obtained any licences for import of standard newsprint (52 grammage per sq. metre only) under Export Promotion Scheme during any of the two preceding periods. In case they have obtained such licences during the specified period, the details thereof including the quantities licensed should be furnished along with the applications.</p> <p>(15) A.U. applications from newspapers establishment for their specialised requirements such as stereo flongs, rubber blankets, spare parts of printing machinery or any other essential item which is not indigenously available would be considered provided publisher and/or printer owns the printing press for which these requirements have been applied for. Applicants should furnish detailed justification for the demand and their actual consumption of the commodity during 1961 duly certified by Chartered Accountant. Requests for high speed rotary ink would only be considered where daily newspapers are printed on high-speed rotary presses.</p> <p>(16) Requests for the import of photographic material, copper sheets, zinc sheets or block making material would only be considered where the publisher and/or printer maintains his own processing department.</p>